

2ND EDITION.

ST. LOUIS.

Sweeny's Career as a Betrayer of Train Robbers—Arrested for Blackmail.

Special to the Gazette.

St. Louis, Mo., August 17.—A. Talmage, general traffic manager of the Gould southwestern system, has procured the indictment of Barney Sweeney, a notorious desperado of Clay county, Mo., on a charge of attempted black mail and for sending a threatening letter. Sweeny is popularly supposed to have been a member of the James and Younger train robbery combination in two or three of their raids. About a year ago he managed to create a sensation by going to the railroad authorities and pretending to give information of a projected train robbery, which was planned to take place near Chetoka, I. T. Sweeney was living on a ranch near Vinita at the time, and being well known as an associate of desperados generally, succeeded in convincing the railroad men that he was giving them a straight tip. He said that Jim Cummings and two others of the gang had come to his house and asked him to join in the raid. He had a grudge against one of them, and concluded to spoil the fun. He arranged with the authorities that he should go in with the robbers and encourage their plans, but in the meantime should let the railroad men know when and where the attack was to be made.

In one time notice was given to be on the lookout on September 11, at a point near Chetoka. Armed men were placed on the train and when it reached a place near the station designated Sweeney and another man met on the platform of a car. When the conductor came through Sweeney covered his companion with a revolver and then suddenly shot him. Sweeney claimed that this man whom he had killed was one of the robbers, but as no traces of any other assailants could be found, the conclusion was reached that Sweeney had manufactured the whole story and murdered the stranger in cold blood. He was arrested and brought to St. Louis by Capt. Dick Keller of the territorial police, and Detective Furlong from here. He was sent to Little Rock for trial, but was not convicted. He went back to Clay county, Mo., and swore vengeance against the railroad people for prosecuting him. Some time ago he sent a letter threatening to kill Mr. Talmage, if he was not paid \$35,000 in a given time. This letter was made the basis of an indictment, and the officers have been looking for him for some time. He is supposed to have taken refuge in the territory again.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Steamship Aransas—A Meeting of Directors—Suicide of a Deck Passenger, Special to the Gazette.

Corpus Christi, August 17.—The steamship Aransas arrived this morning with fifty cars of general merchandise. She will take out five carloads of wool and five of hides, skins, etc.

The board of directors of the Nevers Valley railroad held a meeting this evening, adopted the report of the canvassing commissioners, passed resolutions thanking the committee for the excellence of its work and also received the resignation of John Woessner as vice-president. It then adjourned till to-morrow morning.

This morning between four and five o'clock while the steamship Aransas was between Pass Cavallo and Aransas Pass, a deck passenger named K. Audier jumped overboard. He was last seen about 4 o'clock by passengers and crew. He had previously talked to the mate, servants and several of the crew and deck passengers in a despondent mood and spoke of jumping overboard. He came from New Orleans, and was booked for Rockport. He was a small man, 62 years of age, and judging from his tools was a gardener. His hat and spectacles were left on board, which were found afterwards during the search for him. His luggage consists of a trunk, bedding, bag, basket and one or two packages. He said he had a gun in the banking business in Galveston. His luggage is in the possession of Parson James Cowan subject to the orders of his heirs.

LITTLE ROCK.

Execution of a Murderer—A Quiet Scene at the Gallows.

Meeting of the Board of Health—Precautions Against Infection.

Special to the Gazette.

Little Rock, August 17.—Dene Coset the murderer of Geo. Barnes at the machine shop of the Iron Mountain railroad at Little Rock on October 31, 1882, was hung here to-day in the presence of 300 persons. Coset shot Barnes down in cold blood while seated. He had two trials by jury; they disagreed on the first, but he was convicted on the second, and he was sentenced to death. He was calm and self-possessed to the last, saying he harbored no ill-will against any one and that the sentence was just, though the deed was done under the influence of liquor. The drop fell at 12:25, and the young murderer expired without a groan. The remains were given to the family.

SAN ANTONIO.

Two Deaths—A Fortune from Germany—An Abusive Letter and its Result.

Special to the Gazette.

San Antonio, August 19.—Currell of Rockport, one of the oldest cattlemen in the state, died here last night from lead poison. His remains were shipped to Rockport this evening.

Juan Antonio Marnos, a prominent citizen of Mexico, who was here for treatment, died to-day.

Captain T. P. Liker, of the state troops, has received information from Germany that an aged relative has died and left him a fortune. He will apply for a leave of absence to visit Europe and secure what is due him.

An attorney named Carr was thrashed here last evening by Captain James Dignowity for writing an abusive letter. The letter promises to breed more serious trouble between Carr and a young man named Allen Bell.

Editor Devoy Released.

New York, August 17.—Jno. Devoy, editor of the *Irish Nation* who was sentenced to sixty days imprisonment in the penitentiary for libelling Aug. Belmont completed his term and was released from prison to-day.

HUNTSVILLE.

Marshall Held for Trial—A Rain, But Too Late for Cotton.

Special to the Gazette.

Huntsville, August 17.—The examining trial of T. J. Marshall, charged with complicity in the recent robbery of a store and the shooting of a clerk at Cincinnati, in this county, was concluded yesterday. The defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$1,500, which being unable to give he was remanded to jail.

The rain here yesterday evening was not in time to do execution any good, which is badly crippled on account of the drought.

CASUALTIES.

Train Collision—Four Hundred Kegs of Gun Powder Exploded—A Scene of Death and Disaster.

Lexington, August 17.—The Mt. Sterling accommodation to Lexington ran into the rear car of a train on the Kentucky Central at Winchester crossing this morning, exploding 400 kegs of gun powder. The depot was wrecked and the engine blown to atoms. Engineer Seuler has not been found; Yardman Randall was killed, Conductor McMichael was fatally injured, and several others supposed to be killed. Full report is not yet received.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Lexington, August 17.—A Daily Press reporter just back from Winchester, eighteen miles from here, says a disastrous accident occurred there at 6:30 o'clock this morning where the Kentucky Central and Chesapeake & Ohio roads cross. At the hour named a freight train of the Kentucky Central road stood directly across the Chesapeake & Ohio track. There was a car with 400 kegs of blasting powder standing immediately upon the crossing. The Chesapeake & Ohio train ran into this, breaking the car and rupturing several kegs of the powder, which were ignited by sparks from the engine. Perhaps the most terrible explosion ever known in America followed. The debris was thrown so high that it did not come down for fully ten minutes, and people from five miles in the country rushed in to see if Winchester had suddenly become an Iochia. Conductors McMichael and Martin were injured so seriously that they are badly hurt they may not live. The depot building, eating station, a Chesapeake and Ohio engine and three Kentucky Central cars were almost completely wrecked. This is probably the most serious railroad accident that ever occurred in Kentucky.

WASHINGTON.

A Dead Ex-Officer to be Cremated by His Own Request.

Washington, August 17.—Chas. Altman, of Nashville, well known at the navy department, who served during the late war as an officer of the 2d regiment of Ohio volunteers, died suddenly yesterday of apoplexy. In accordance with his last expressed wish, his remains were taken to-night to Washington, Pa., for cremation.

THE NEW POSTAL NOTES.

Washington, August 17.—The new postal notes will be ready for circulation September 3d next. They are now being received in books of 500 each and distributed through the registration division of the New York postoffice to the postmasters of the country.

DEZENDORF'S PARTY.

Washington, August 17.—Dezendorf is here and well pleased with the proceedings of the straight-out Republican conference at Richmond. It then adjourned till to-morrow morning.

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GALVESTON.

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Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, August 17.—At a board of health meeting this afternoon a resolution was introduced providing that,

Whereas, Yellow fever has made its appearance at three different localities on the gulf coast of which New Orleans is one, be it resolved that the government be requested to take immediate steps for the protection of this community from infection.

After brief consideration of the resolution, it was withdrawn and the board agreed that a special meeting would be held if deemed necessary upon receiving information from Dr. Ely, president of the board, who is expected to reach New Orleans this evening.

WEATHERFORD.

Death of Mr. Leach—Escape of a Thief Personal.

Special to the Gazette.

Weatherford, August 17.—Mr. E. A. Leach, of whose serious illness I wrote you yesterday, died last night. He was buried this evening. An honest man, he sleeps the sleep of the just.

Mr. George B. Loving of the Loving Publishing Company is in the city today, accompanied by a heavy storm which blew down trees.

John Noland, under arrest for theft of cattle, escaped from a deputy sheriff to-day and is now at large.

An infant child of Mr. J. S. Smith died last night.

The Yellow Fever Report.

Savannah, Ga., August 17.—The report that yellow fever has made its appearance at Pensacola is incorrect. The navy-yard at which the fever prevails is seven miles from that place. The yellow fever raged at the same place nine years ago, but was successfully combated and kept out of Pensacola, while the fever last year at Pensacola was kept out of the yards.

The Escambia Rifles and other volunteer associations have established a picket around this city.

FINNCE AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL.

New York, August 17.—Stocks—Government bonds—First and higher; Ohio Southern incudes rise from \$622 bid.

Treasuries—Louisiana consols sold at 87 cents flat.

Stocks—Stronger than yesterday and apparently from somewhat different cause.

Interest on bonds on foreign account was sold in the morning, probably to meet the advance of 1 1/2%.

Grain—Grain values were very dull at 1 1/2% to 1 1/4%.

Texas and Indian steers ranged 87 to 92 cents.

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